



WORK SESSION

01/09/2023 [07:00 PM-09:00 PM]

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Latham began the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Bob Latham (President), Melanie Gurgiolo (Vice President), Josceylon Buchs, Neil Connelly, Randy Gale, Laurie Kennedy, Karen Mallah, Geoffrey McInroy, Greg Lamay, and Dan Serfass (Superintendent). Jeff Ammerman (Secretary) was absent.

Community/Staff Attendees are available on the attached list.

3. B&G: Lead Testing Results (Information Only)

Mrs. Martin stated that lead testing was done in all three buildings in September. It was last done in 2017. The samples collected were found to be well below the PADEP Action Level of 15 ug/L. The highest finding was only 7 ug/L and was located in an officials changing room that is rarely used. This will be checked regularly. The summary of each building is attached to the agenda.

4. RLPS Presentation (Information Only)

Chris Linkey and Mike Savage from RLPS Architects gave a presentation on the District-Wide Long Range Facilities Study, which is attached to the agenda. The presentation covered the study schedule, facility assessment, enrollment/capacity, priorities, security and safety, technology, educational and athletic projects. Some possibilities include some floor plan adjustments at Hoover, separating the PAC and Eisenhower for safety, adding PAC storage, creating a STEAM lab at the Middle/High School, adding an auxiliary gym added to the Middle/High School and consolidating athletic fields. They also went over the list of capital improvements.

The Board discussed timeline for capital improvements. The presentation addresses priorities, but not a timeline. There is a plan for some items for when they reach life expectancy.

The Board discussed what would happen if other adjacent properties became available. Mr. Linkey recommended purchasing any such properties.

The Board discussed items under the Technology portion of the presentation and the fact that some are already funded and others are a work in progress. Mr. Lownsbery offered to create a list for the Board and will also review at the next committee meeting.

It was suggested that the presentation also be given to the Pollock Center Committee and The Lion Foundation.

The ideas included in the presentation originated through input from school district staff. Educational space needs may have come from Curriculum Committee discussions with principals. The suggestion for a turf field came from the Athletic Director, as there is a lot of competition for fields. The auxiliary gym idea would have come from the difficulty for scheduling PE classes and athletic needs, as there is only one gym for both the Middle School and the High School. The Borough also uses gym space.

5. Siebert Park Track Resurfacing

Mrs. Martin stated that the track is in need of resurfacing. The Borough solicited a proposal from the vendor who initially installed the track. The total cost is \$273,260 of which the school district would be responsible for half which is \$136,630. The project would be done by working around the athletic schedule, to be completed over the summer. The Building and Grounds Committee recommends moving forward. Per Mr. Ammerman, there is enough in the capital reserve to use for this project.

The Board discussed that they were not aware of the current amount in Capital Reserve and what that money may already be spoken for. Mr. Serfass responded that he would send them the information in the morning.

6. Surplus Equipment

Mrs. Martin advised that the food service department would like to place the fryer on MuniBid. It is no longer being used and is taking up storage space.

7. Postage Meter Lease Renewal Contract

Mr. Serfass stated that the postage meter lease is expiring. The attached agreement with Pitney Bowes will renew the lease on a new machine to replace it. The new lease saves about \$100 annually over the expiring lease.

Mrs. Kennedy added that the Building and Grounds Committee recommends this lease.

8. Secondary Clubs

Mr. Serfass stated that based on student interest, CHHS Administration is recommending the addition the Debate Club and the Outdoor Adventure Klub (OAK). There is no budgetary impact as the advisors are volunteers.

The OAK Club would include activities such as hiking and fishing. Mr. Sheaffer would be the advisor for OAK and Mrs. Lister the advisor for Debate.

9. Secondary Scholarship

Mr. Serfass stated that the Forcey Family is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior and academic scholar. The criteria of the scholarship includes the following: the senior must have a least one Black/African American parent, a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and the senior has demonstrated a commitment to both academic and extra-curricular engagement at the Camp Hill High School. There is no budget impact.

The Board discussed whether a scholarship could be conditioned. The Administration has discussed with the solicitor and the scholarship is fine as is. This scholarship would be awarded by the school district and would begin this school year and be awarded to a student graduating with the class of 2023. There are many scholarships, some are awarded by those who sponsor them and others are awarded by the school district. For those awarded by the District, a scholarship committee meets annually to distribute the scholarship. If no student qualifies for a scholarship in a particular year, the sponsor doesn't give the money to the school district that year.

10. Earl Besch Food Pantry Update

Mr. Serfass stated that the Earl Besch Food Pantry is in a transition stage. It recently went mobile and will remain mobile for approximately 6 months while the Potter's House Garage is renovated. There were some recommendations to be put to the Lion Foundation Board including separating the volunteers from New Hope Ministries and the Earl Besch Food Pantry. The recommendation is to form a Lion Foundation Besch Community Outreach Team, which would be made up of Earl Besch volunteers, who would now be on the Lion Foundation Board, and community volunteers. It would lead the Trick or Trot 5k, Back to School Backpack and school supply programs, Holiday Gift Giving Tree, etc. This helps keep the tradition and the original intent of Mr. Earl Besch intact.

The Lion Foundation has granted New Hope Ministries \$8,000 as part of the partnership. The Principal Discretionary Fund of \$4,000 will be continued by the Lion Foundation to assist with student needs. If a teacher, counselor or administrator identifies a need for a student, they work through the advisor, Linda Still. This is an extra duty position paid for by the District.

The High School Life Skills class will continue to do the shopping for the pantry and the Middle School Life Skills class will be doing sorting.

The modifications for the MOU are being worked on and will be forthcoming. The food pantry will remain under the MOU and the District will not be responsible for any additional funds for the development of the New Hope will manage the pantry under the MOU.

11. Future Ready Data Review

Mr. Serfass went over the Future Ready PA Index which included results of the PSSA and Keystone exams, Attendance, Early Indicators of Success and College and Career Measures. The PSSA and Keystone exams showed improvement from the previous year. Of all the data from the assessments, Middle School Math under Indicators of Success stood out as an area that requires attention. Reviewed takeaways, interventions, and next steps. Demographic subgroups have changed over time. Over the last 11 years, the number of economically disadvantaged students went from 78 to 205, English Learner students doubled from 23 to 45, Special Education students from 130 to 182, Gifted education students remained about the same, students with 504 plans went from 32 to 80. Both the Future Ready Data and the Student Demographic Data sheets are attached to the agenda.

The Board discussed the state benchmarks and student growth.

12. Personnel Report

Mr. Serfass went over personnel report.

13. Public Session for Comment

No comments

14.Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

January 9, 2023 Attendee Report

Kerry Martin
Brian Lownsbery
Mark Ziegler
Tonya Ivey
Minke Kooistra
Betsy Gayner
Abby Gurgiolo
Kris Latham
Scott
CM
Micki Kautz
Lisa Reeves
Mr. Jacoby